

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant has added two new sheets of drawings. The first sheet (5/6) includes Fig. 10, and the second sheet (6/6) includes Fig.'s 11-13. The original four sheets have been amended to show the correct page numbers (1/6 through 4/6).

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for failing to show the elongated shaft and grip as described in the specification as well as the first and second regions. In response, Applicant has added new Fig. 3A which clearly shows the elongated shaft and grip, and new Fig.'s 10-13 which clearly show the first and second regions of the pocket cavity. Further, the applicant has amended the specification to more clearly define these regions.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 through 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has questioned the consistent use of the term "golf assembly" in claim 1, the meaning of "first and second regions" as used in claims 1, 4 and 6, the clarity of the language of claim 3, and the use of "the user" in claim 4. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the terms "golf assembly" and has replaced them with the consistent terms "head assembly." The meaning of the "first and second regions" was previously defined in the specification at page 3, first paragraph and at page 7, first paragraph as follows:

"One region allows a user to loosely contain a ball such that the ball can be scooped, caught or tossed and thereby transferred either to or from an object, such as a wall or other rebounding surface, or to or from another player who is using the same or similar apparatus. Another region of the pocket cavity allows a user to securely hold a ball and thereby store the ball when the apparatus is not in active use."

“In one region of pocket cavity 14, the sidewalls are spaced farther apart than the diameter of the elastomer ball, allowing the ball to move freely into and out of the pocket cavity 14 so that the ball may be scooped from the ground, caught, carried or thrown from the pocket cavity by a user of the apparatus. The cross-section of Figure 7A is taken through the region of the pocket cavity where the sidewalls are spaced farther apart than the diameter of the elastomer ball. In another region of pocket cavity 14, the sidewalls are spaced less than the diameter of the elastomer ball, allowing the ball to be compressed between the sidewalls so that the ball may be stored in the pocket cavity when the apparatus is not in use.”

Further, Applicant has added new Fig.'s 10-13 which clearly show the “first and second regions,” and has amended the specification accordingly.

Claim 3 has been cancelled, and claim 4 has been amended to delete any reference to the term “user.”

Claim 1, 2, and 4-7 remain pending.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with the Applicant's attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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